

Application No.: 10/709,087
Examiner: Beauchaine, Mark J
Art Unit: 3653

Applicant: International Currency Technologies Corp.

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Examiner indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-4 and 6-18, and that claims and that would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections and or rejections of claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, is noted with great appreciation. In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informalities and accordingly amended claims 1 and 10 in order to expedite an earlier allowance of the above-identified application.

Furthermore, Applicant has amended the specification and Figures, replacement sheets of which are herewith attached, in order to correct some minor informality indicated the Examiner and thereby overcome the objections/rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

It is believed no new matter adds by way of amendments to claims or otherwise to the application. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4 and 6-18 are in proper condition for allowance and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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The Objections

1. *The Office Action stated that despite the Applicant assertion that a corrected oath and declaration form has been submitted with the previous response to office action was not found and requested to submit the same.*

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the error and accordingly respectfully submits an original Signed Oath and Declaration form in separate accompanying pages attached hereto. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

2. *The Office Action objected to the Drawings under 37 CFR 1.12(d), because of some defects. More specifically the Examiner objected to Figures 4 and 5 due the following defects.*

(i) *In Figure 4, the exploded view of the coin dispenser erroneously depicts directing element 51 and lid 53 as being assembled between chassis 4 and outlet adjusting device 5. This arrangement is in contrast to said directing element and the lid being assembled adjacent to coin outlet 42 of chassis 4 of Figures 2, 3 and 5-9.*

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In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure. 4. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(ii) Although the number 43 and an associated lead line related to the positioning member are depicted in the Figure said positioning member is not depicted.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure 4, where the positioning member 43 is clearly depicted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(iii) Number 5 and the associated lead line fail to properly identify the elements associated with the outlet-adjusting device 5 (of specification para 0032). It is suggested that the drawings be amended to clearly show an exploded view of all elements of outlet-adjusting device 5 being enclosed in brackets, as well as how said elements are assembled, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(h)(1).

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure 4. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(iv) Ejecting element 52 (specification para 0032, lines 2, 6 and 7, and 19) is not labeled.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure 4, where the ejecting element 52 is clearly depicted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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(v) Item 501 is not identified in the specification.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure 4, where the item 501 is deleted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(vi) The lead line of adjusting elements 5211 points to a single element in lieu of identifying a plurality of elements (specification para 0032, lines 6-9).

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure 4. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(vii) Figure 5, the lead line associated with the number 43 fails to correctly identify positioning member 43.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended Figure 5, where the positioning member 43 is clearly shown with lead line. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

3. The Office Action objected to the specification because of the following informalities.

(i) Item 501 of Figure 4 is not found in the specification.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended the FIG. 4, where the item 501 deleted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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(ii) The term resilient member 5221 should be plural (para 0032, line 16 and lines 16-17). Also how the rotating set 521 actuated to cause the resilient element 5213 to be tensioned (lines 10-13).

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended the FIG. 4. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, regarding how the rotating set 521 actuated to cause the resilient element 5213 to be tensioned, even though this is not described in the disclosure, this mechanism is inherent in the machine, and can be easily understood by one skilled in the art, and may be described as follows. Referring to FIG. 4 and 5, first when the coin enters through the rotating plate 2 and hits the stop member 5222, the stop member 5222 along with resilient member 5221 will move. Because the resilient member 5221 is connected to the rotating member 522, and the rotating member 522 has a side connected to rotating set 521, and therefore the rotating set 521 will move along the side-to-side (right-left) direction with axial member 5212 as axis. At the meantime, the resilient member 5213 is pressed.

(iii) The relationship between items 521 and 522 is contradictory. Rotating member 522 is said to be both part of rotating set 521 and set on the rotating set (para 0032, lines 13-15).

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended the specification. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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(iv) The term showing before adjusting (para 0035, lines 2 and 3) is improper grammar.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended para 0035. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(v) The term directing element is biasing a sector (para 0035, lines 4-5) is ambiguous.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended the specification. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

(vi) The term shakes due when (para 0036, line 6) is improper grammar. Also, the term shakes related to stop member 5222 is ambiguous. Does the stop member move up and down or side to side? Also, how does the movement of stop member 5222 interact with the rest of ejecting element 52? How does the elasticity of resilient member 5221 cause the coin to be pushed (para 0036, lines 7-8)?

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended the para 0036 of the specification. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, regarding movement of stop member 5222 and the interaction with the rest of the ejecting element 52, and the elasticity of the resilient member 5221, even though this is not described in the disclosure, this mechanism is inherent in the machine, and can be easily understood by one skilled in the art, and may be described as follows. As described above, referring to FIG. 4 and 5, first when the coin enters through the

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rotating plate 2 and hits the stop member 5222, the stop member 5222 along with resilient member 5221 will move. Because the resilient member 5221 is connected to the rotating member 522, and the rotating member 522 has a side connected to rotating set 521, and therefore the rotating set 521 will move along the side-to-side (left-right) direction with axial member 5212 as axis. At the meantime, the resilient member 5213 is pressed, and due to the elasticity of the resilient member 5213, the coin is pushed towards the adjusting member 5211. Furthermore, the resilient member 5221 and the coin have no direct connection.

(vii) Does the rotating member 522 (para 0032 and Figure 4) interact with the drive arrangement of rotating plate 2? If so, how? Also, if the rotating set 521 is rotated by the axial member 5212 (para 0032, line 10) how is it actuated?

In response thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that this mechanism is inherent in the machine, and can be easily understood by one skilled in the art, and may be described as follows. Rotating member 522 has no interaction with rotating 2. The rotating set 521 moves side-to-side (left-right) with axial member 5212 as axis but the rotating set 521 is not driven by axial member 5212. As described above when the coin enters through the rotating plate 2 and hits the stop member 5222, the stop member 5222 along with resilient member 5221 will move. Because the resilient member 5221 is connected to the rotating member 522, and the rotating member 522 has a side connected to rotating set 521, and therefore the rotating set 521 will move along the side-to-side (left-right) direction with axial member 5212 as axis.

4. The Office Action objected to claim 10 because of the following informality.

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The term every two said coin (line 6) is ambiguous. Appropriate correction is required.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended claim 10. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Rejections

1. The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In rejecting the above claims, the Examiner stated that regarding claim 1, there is no structural relationship between the directing element and the ejecting element; and regarding claim 10, there is no reference point of the biasing angle of the directing flange. Also, the term corresponding to regarding the adjusting groove and positioning member is ambiguous. Appropriate correction is required.

In response thereto, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informality and accordingly amended claims 1 and 10. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

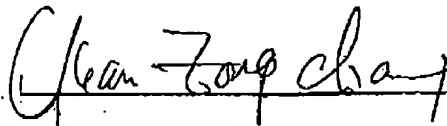
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-4 and 6-18 of the present application are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted



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